# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:49
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2009
SETTING UP OF NATIONAL CANCER FUND
Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a)whether the Government proposes to set up a National Cancer Fund to cover all costs incurred by cancer patients belonging to the Below Poverty Line category as reported in The Times of India, dated 15 January, 2009;

(b)if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the National Cancer Fund is likely to be set up?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 49 FOR 18TH FEBRUARY, 2009

The Government has set up the Health Ministers Cancer Patient Fund (CPF) to provide financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) cancer patients for treatment of this chronic disease, treatment of which is highly expensive and prolonged.? The Cancer Patient Fund has been established as a separate corpus within the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) with a total outlay of Rs. 100 crore within the approved plan allocation for National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) to be utilized specifically for treatment of BPL cancer patients in the country. This fund would be managed through the management and technical committee of the RAN. A maximum of Rs. 1 lakh will be provided to each individual case.